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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated August 25, 2004, which set a 1-month shortened statutory period for response thereto, applicants hereby elect SEQ ID NO: 3. Claims 1-4, 7, 8, and 10-11 are readable thereon.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present patent application is in condition for allowance. An early indication of the allowability of the present patent application is therefore respectfully solicited.

If Examiner Vogel believes that a telephone conference with the undersigned would expedite passage of the present patent application to issue, she is invited to call on the number below.

It is not believed that extensions of time are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in accompanying documents. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and the requisite fee is hereby authorized to be charged to our deposit account, 50-3077.

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